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PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,400,000 Dollars.

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HONGKONG.

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ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " 12 " 5 per cent. " "

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPT DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000. RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

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LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONTE, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

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(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum. " 6 " 4% " " 12 " 5% " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager, Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Bank.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000. RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Bankers.

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THE CITY BANK.

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THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " 12 " 5 per cent. " "

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " 3 " 2 per cent. " "

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

Hongkong, May 81, 1879.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £933,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £465,250.

RESERVE FUND, £20,000.

HEAD OFFICE:—39A, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON, E.C.

Hongkong, December 2, 1879.

LONDON BANKERS:—

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

Entertainment.

INAUGURAL CONCERT.

NEW TEMPERANCE HALL.

Under the Patronage of His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

A Vocal and Instrumental CONCERT will be given in the NEW TEMPERANCE HALL, Fletcher's Buildings, Queen's Road,

THIS EVENING, 18TH DECEMBER, AT 8.30 P.M.

The proceeds to be devoted to the Finances of the Institution.

Programmes will be issued.

Tickets—Price 5/-—may be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., who will also receive donations to the funds of the Hall.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

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THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

MISS ELICIA MAY will give a PERFORMANCE for ONE NIGHT ONLY,

On SATURDAY, 20th Dec., 1879,

being her FAREWELL TO THE EAST, assisted by THE EMINENT TRAGEDIAN

M. B. FAIRCLOUGH.

For Particulars, in future Advertisement.

DUNCAN MACALLUM, Agent.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

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DENTAL NOTICE.

D. ROGERS has returned and is now ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS.

No. 7, ARTHURTON ROAD.

Hongkong, December 8, 1879.

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THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. BRADLEE SMITH, Secretary.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879.

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HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 31st Instant, both days included.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. NEWTON, Manager.

Hongkong, December 4, 1879.

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Tickets may be purchased and places secured at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on and after SATURDAY, the 3rd Proximo.

W. WHEELER, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 17, 1879.

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For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE just RECEIVED their Usual ASSORTMENT of CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PRESENTS, Comprising:— GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES, LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S DRESSING CASES.

PRINCESS STATIONERY CABINETS, LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S DRESSING BAGS.

VELVET WORK BAGS, Handsome Presentation INKSTANDS.

WORK BOXES in Leather and Fancy Woods.

CARD TRAYS and SCRAP BOOKS.

VELVET PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.

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Handsome Bound and Illustrated GIFT BOOKS, Comprising:—

PICTURE GALLERY of MODERN ART.

SWITZERLAND ILLUSTRATED.

WOODLAND ROMANCE.

THE BIRD, by JULES MICHELET.

THE INSECT, by JULES MICHELET.

THE BIRD WORLD.

THE EPIC OF HADES.

A Large Assortment of Newest GIFT BOOKS for Boys and Girls.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS, the Latest Novelties.

Elegantly Dressed FRENCH DOLLS.

DOLLS' PORTMANTUAUX, completely fitted.

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MECHANICAL TOYS, in Great Variety.

DOLLS' PERAMBULATORS.

PUZZLES, GAMES, BRICKS.

HORSES and CARTS, WHEEL-BARROWS.

DRUMS, TRUMPETS,

FOR SALE

CHRISTMAS STORES.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
BEG to call attention to the following
New Supply of STORES, which
they have Received

Ex "GORDON CASTLE,"
And Other Recent Arrivals.

CHRISTMAS CAKES, 4-lb., 5-lb. and
6-lb. each.

CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDINGS.

Pure AMERICAN CANDIES.

Pure SCOTCH CANDIES.

DRAGEES.—ALMONDS.

Fancy CHOCOLATES.

MASSON'S CHOCOLATE CREAMS.

NOUGATINES.

Crystallized MEL'Z FRUITS.

New Designs in COSAQUES.

"SETAWAYO'S HAT BOX."

"MARQUESTER'S JEWEL CASKET."

"GRANDMA'S BONNET BOX."

"EDWIN and ANGELINA,"
&c., &c., &c.

SMYRNA FIGS.

Muscated BLOOM RAISINS.

JORDAN ALM'NDS.

BRAZIL NUTS.

PECAN NUTS.

HICKORY NUTS.

Cooking and Table PRUNES.

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Candied PEEL.

MINCEMEAT in 1-lb. tins.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

CARAWAY SEEDS.

SCHWEITZER'S COCOATINA.

American CREAM CHEESE.

SAP SAGE CHEESE.

LIMBURG CHEESE.

PINE APPLE CHEESE.

HAM TONGUE & CHICKEN SAUSAGE.

WESTPHALIAN, BOLGONA, OXFORD, and
TRUFFLED SAUSAGES.

GAME PIES.

Potted MEATS.

Prime Yorkshire HAMS.

Prime Whitbread BACON in tins & Canvas.

Pickled OX-TONGUES.

OX-TONGUES in JELLY.

TRUFFLES.

CALIFORNIA ROLL BUTTER.

CUTTING's Canned DESSERT FRUITS.

HUNTLERY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.

CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s GINGER
CAKES.

MILK BISCUITS.

ALPHABET BISCUITS.

OYSTER BISCUITS.

WAFER BISCUITS.

SODA BISCUITS.

First-class and Medium CHAMPAGNES,
Pints and Quarts.

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SAUTERNES.

CLARET.

Fine Old Pale PORT, 1848.

SACCOONE's Pale Dry SHERRY.

Do. Amontillado SHERRY.

LA GRANDE MARQUE CHARTREUSE,
Pints and Quarts.

MARASCHINO LIQUOR.

Fine Old BOURBON WHISKY.

SCOTCH and IRISH WHISKIES.

BASS'S ALE Bottled by CAMERON and
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BURKE, Pints and Quarts.

Specially Selected CIGARS.

Princessa CHEROOTS.

Cavite CHEROOTS.

Princessa CIGARS.

Cavite CIGARS.

Acroceras CIGARS.

Vegueros CIGARS.

Choice No. 1 Fortin CIGARS in Boxes
of 100.

Choice No. 3 Meisig CHEROOTS.

Choice No. 3 Fortin CIGARS.

PRESENTATION BOOKS.

SCIENTIFIC WORKS.

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SCHOOL BOOKS.

CHILDREN'S STORY BOOKS.

CHILDREN'S TOY BOOKS.

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ATLASSES.

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OLENDORFF'S METHOD for Learning
FRENCH and SPANISH.

DE. AIN'S METHOD for Learning GER-
MAN and FRENCH.

ASHER'S MODEL BOOKS of FOREIGN
COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE,
GERMAN, FRENCH and SPANISH.

"NORTH CHINA HERALD" DATE
BLOCK for 1880.

—

NEW SEASON'S PRESENT TEA, in 5 and
10 Catty Boxes.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

Intimations.

VICTORIA REGATTA.

TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
19TH AND 20TH DECEMBER, 1879.

FIRST DAY.

Friday, 19th December, 1879.

Patron.—His Excellency JOHN POPE
HENNESSY, C.M.G.

Vice-Patron.—His Excellency Major-
General DONOVAN, His Excellency Vice-
Admiral COOTE, C.B., R.N., Commodore
SMITH, R.N.

Steward.—Hon. W. KESWICK, Hon. H.
B. GIBB, W. H. FORBES, Esq., A. MOLVER,
Esq., Colonel STUART, R.E., Lieutenant-Colonel
GEDDES, 27th Inniskilling, Captain
CLEVELAND, H.M.S. Iron Duke, and H.
HOPPIUS, Esq.

Committee.—T. JACKSON, Esq. (Chair-
man), H. E. WODEHOUSE, Esq., E. L.
WOODIN, Esq., E. BEATT, Esq., W. HYMES,
Esq., D. CLOUGH, Lieutenant Commander
ANNESLEY, R.N., W. VON BOBERS, Esq.,
A. P. MCWEEN, Esq., D. GILLIES, Esq.,
Lieutenant J. A. BENNETT, 27th Regiment, and
L. B. FRIEND, Esq. (Hon. Secretary).

Judge.—J. P. McELEN, Esq., R.N.

Umpires and Starters.—Rowing.—W.
HYMES, Esq., and Captain GEARY, R.A.
Yachts.—E. BEATT, Esq. Open Sailing
Boats.—E. BURNIE, Esq.

Judge of Sailing Racer.—Lieutenant Com-
mander ANNESLEY, R.N.

REMEDIOS & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship
"PATROCLUS."

Capt. M. R. WHITE, will be
despatched TO-MORROW,

the 19th Inst., at 4 p.m., instead of as pro-
viously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879. de39

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Spanish Steamer
"CHURUUA."

Captain ABARO, shortly ex-
pected, will have immediate

despatch for the above Port;

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Steamship
"ROMULUS."

Capt. WATZ, will have imme-
diate despatch for the above

Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

VICTORIA REGATTA, 1879

The attention of all COMPETITORS is
called to Rule No. 5 of the Regatta Re-
gulations, viz.—

5.—"Any Boat not at its Post at the
time appointed," shall be liable to

be disqualified by the Umpire."

This Rule will be strictly enforced—in
the case of any unreasonable delays.

L. B. FRIEND,
Hon. Secretary, V.R.C.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

VICTORIA REGATTA, 1879.

The Steamer FAME will leave PEDDAE'S
WHARF for the FLAGSHIP, on each Day of

the REGATTA, at 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m.—
and return from the FLAGSHIP at 6 p.m.

L. B. FRIEND,
Hon. Secretary, V.R.C.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

VICTORIA REGATTA, 1879.

It is Particularly Requested, that all
STEAM-LAUNCHES accompanying the Races

will keep behind the Umpire's Boat—so as
not to interfere with the Competitors.

L. B. FRIEND,
Hon. Secretary, V.R.C.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

HONGKONG RACES, 1880.

On Account of the ALTERATION in the
departure of the Mails—the Date of the

RACE MEETING has been changed to:

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, and SATUR-
DAY, February 26th, 27th, and 28th, 1880.

L. B. FRIEND,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879. de21

HONGKONG RACES, 1880.

HONGKONG DERBY.

NOMINATIONS Close on MONDAY, 22nd

December, 1879.—Addressed to the CLEER
of the COURSE, at the Hongkong Club.

L. B. FRIEND,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879. de21

REGATTA AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE undermentioned Banks will close

at Noon TO-MORROW and SATUR-
DAY, the 19th and 20th instant, on account of the

Regatta.

They will also close on THURSDAY and

FRIDAY, the 25th and 26th instant, and

THURSDAY the 1st January, being public

holidays.

although no orders have yet been issued. The General and other Officers visited to-day the scene of the accident.

The P. & O. *Thibet* left to-day at daylight with the Home mail. The commercial community generally seem to have recognized at once the reasonableness of the present arrangement, closing late at night. Business is resumed next morning with a clear desk, and no half day is lost as must invariably be the case when the mail is one closing at midday and causing a rush in business up to that hour. We should fancy the new arrangement will work smoothly enough for all parties. We note that the Yokohama people are very angry at an hour and a day having been fixed for the departure of the mail which deprives them of their Saturday afternoon recess and intrudes on their Day of Rest as well.

The Imperial Mutiny Act has been rechristened the Army Discipline and Regulation Act, 1879, and the Articles of War have been embodied in the new Law, as we stated a fortnight ago or more. A suggestion has now been received by the local Government from the Secretary of State "that any local Act which may have been passed in the Colony for regulating the Militia or Volunteer forces, and which may contain a reference to the Imperial Mutiny Act, should be amended by substituting the Army Discipline and Regulation Act, 1879, for the Mutiny Act and Articles of War."

We have received a neat reprint, from the Chinese Printing Office, of a translation of the Chinese petition on domestic servitude forwarded by "the Chinese Community of Hongkong" to H. E. the Governor. The Chinese text is given; the translations are by Dr Eitel. The following note, over the signature of Fung Ming Shan, is appended:

As in the *Hongkong Daily Press* of the 25th October last there appeared what purported to be a translation of the above Chinese petition, and as it was reproduced in the overland edition of that paper, notwithstanding its correctness having been impugned by one of the Petitioners, it may be necessary to observe that the so-called translation was made and published without the knowledge or authority of the Petitioners and that it contained many terms and phrases which differed in meaning from those used in the Chinese version.

The following account, duly certified, of the average amount of bank notes in circulation in Hongkong, during the month ending 30th November, is published in the *Gazette*:

	Average Specie in amount, reserve.
Oriental Bank Corp.,	472,443
Char'd Mer. B. of Ind.,	250,000
London & China,.....	437,836
Char'd Bank of India,.....	150,000
Australia & China,.....	467,975
Hongkong & Shanghai B'king Corporation,...	2,082,676
Total,.....	\$3,460,930 1,450,000

RETURN OF VISITORS to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending December 14th:

Dec.	LIBRARY.	MUSEUM.
Mon.	8th,	73 590
Tues.	9th,	48 294
Wed.	10th,	65 342
Thur.	11th,	42 289
Fri.	12th,	6 246
Sat.	13th,	54 288
Sun.	14th,	Sunday. Sunday.
	Totals.	341 2,049
	Grand total,	2,431.

A TELEGRAM dated London, 13th November, says that after the 1st February all mails to and from the East will be sent via Paris and Madras.

Mr Moreno, from whom letters have been received by recent vessels, says:

The Sandwich Islands are the Paradise of the Chinese; and Governor Hennessy has been very badly informed about Honolulu.

The Shanghai papers to hand-to-day contain reports that a case had been heard before the U. S. Consulate General, in which Thomas Hollingsworth, chief boat-swain's mate on board the U. S. man-of-war *Ashuelot*, was charged with having assaulted a Chinaman, named Iching Fee, by drawing a pistol and firing upon him.

The offence was said to have been committed in an auction-room where a row arose between some parties as to who had the right to a pair of shoes just knocked down. Whoever fired and whoever was shot at, the bullet penetrated the arm of Thomas Harling, boat-swain's mate of the *Ashuelot*, and has not yet been found. He believes the shot was fired by a Chinaman who ran away. The complainant is a butcher who interfered in the disturbance; he is a sworn defendant fired at him; two other witnesses deposed to the same effect; one of them a friend of complainant's and in the same employ, the other a clerk with the auctioneer. Mr England, who was looking at the prisoner, did not see him fire a pistol or raise his hand; he could not have done so without his seeing it. Commander Johnson and Lieutenant Singer, of the *Ashuelot*, gave prisoner an excellent character. He was one of the best men on the ship, and although he discharged difficult duties there had never been anything against him. Lieutenant Cowdin, of the *Ashuelot*, watched the case on behalf of the prisoner. The Court, which is composed of Messrs D. H. Bailey, Esq., Consul General, H. L. Gordon and J. Rowse, has reserved judgment.

The Commission to the Earl of Carnarvon and the others, whose names we gave in a local the other day, appointed to be Commissioners to inquire into the state of the Defences, &c., of the Colonies, is published in the *Gazette*. It sets forth that it has been thought expedient, for divers good causes and considerations, that a Commission should forthwith be appointed to inquire into the condition and sufficiency of the means, both naval and military, provided for the defence of the more important sea-ports within our Colonial possessions and their dependencies, and of the stations established or required within our said possessions and dependencies for coaling, refitting, or repairing the ships of our navy, and for the protection of the commerce of our Colonies with the United Kingdom, with each other, and with foreign countries; it being expedient to consider and determine in which of our stations and ports it is desirable, on account of their strategical or commercial importance, to provide an organized system of defence, as can be afforded by our naval forces; and whether such defence should consist of permanent works manned by garrisons of Imperial or local troops, or both combined, or of any local naval organization or other armaments and appliances; All, that it is desirable to consider whether, and in what proportions, the cost of such measures of defence should be divided between the Imperial Government and the Colonies to which they relate, or should be wholly defrayed by the Imperial Government or by the Colonies. The Commissioners are appointed to enquire and to offer such suggestions as may seem to them meet as to the best means (regard being had to the works completed and in progress, and to the ordinary number of our naval and military forces voted by Parliament), of providing for the defence and protection of our Colonial possessions and commerce as aforesaid, special attention being given to the necessity of providing safe coaling, refitting, and repairing stations in such of our Colonial possessions and the dependencies as they may deem best suited for the requirements of our fleet and mercantile marine in time of war. The Commission is given full power to have access to, call for, and examine all plans for works of defence now in progress or under consideration or any other plans that may be had before them and to call civil, military naval or other witnesses.

THE Basle Conference of the Evangelical Alliance has adopted a strong protest against the British opium trade in China, which is to be presented to the English Secretary of State for India.

SOME ex-students of the Government School of Art in Calcutta, have determined to establish an art studio of their own, and are prepared, they say, to "paint portraits, landscapes and ideal scenes according to order, as also stage scenes and proscenium." They will furthermore undertake all kinds of decorative and lithographic work and wood engraving. Mr Looke, the Principal of the Government School of Art, thinks the scheme a very good one; and if his old pupils can apply the lessons they learnt from him, they should find no difficulty in making their art studio profitable to themselves and useful to the public. These native artists are quite equal to supplying specimens of art far superior to the kind generally found in Anglo-Indian houses.

WARNING OF SENOR CELSO CESAR MORENO, at present in Honolulu as the agent of the China Merchants' S. N. Co., the *Pacific Commercial Advertiser* says:

This gentleman has been more than once mentioned in these columns as the energetic and persevering projector of a trans-Pacific telegraph cable. He was at Washington in 1879 when our Envys were working for the Reciprocity Treaty, and, as we understand, aided them so far as he had opportunity; a service which was reciprocated in kind. The Treaty was passed on the 14th, and Senor Moreno's telegraph concession was granted the following day. He is a polished gentleman, a thorough man of the world, and an enthusiast on the subject of his favorite project—the trans-Pacific cable. We doubt not our Government will afford him all the facilities and encouragement in its power.

SOME confusion seems to have been created as to the status of Mr Moreno in Honolulu. Under the signature of "Celso Cesar Moreno, Special Agent for the China Merchants' Steamship Company," he writes as follows to the local *Advertiser*:

I understand that the Captain of the steamer *Ho-chung*, under the Chinese flag, has represented to several persons since his arrival here, that I am not the authorized agent of the China Merchants' Steamship Navigation Company, but on the contrary that Mr Fan Yan Ki, a Chinese passenger by the *Ho-chung*, now here, is the only authorized agent of the aforesaid company.

In answer I have only to say, that I am the authorized agent of said Company, with full power from the President, M. Tong King Sing and the Board of Directors in writing, in the English and Chinese language, to act as such.

As an act of justice between man and man, and in behalf of the Company which I have the honor to represent, and to avoid further misunderstanding, I respectfully request that you will give this card publicity in your Journal.

A YOUTH Chinese theatre is being erected in San Francisco. It will be a substantial iron building, seating 2,500 persons. There used to be hot rivalry, and the three theatres lost money. Then the competing managers pooled their issues in the Wing Tin Ping, or Company of Eternal Peace; but the peace has already been broken by the new project.

WAITING OF DAVE CAIRON'S special novelty, in addition to his ordinary troupe of Minstrels, the *Ceylon Times* says:

Colonel Austin's feats of marksmanship comprise shooting at small objects held by Miss Jule Austin, extinguishing two candles at one shot, nipping off the end of a cigar held by the lady in her mouth and shooting a candle from Miss Austin's head, turning round at the word "ready," and firing amarly to time, in nearly every instance succeeding in his object. The sensational feat is that of breaking the

candle in two while standing with his back to Miss Austin; this Colonel Austin does by taking sight from a small mirror.

It is calculated that the stoppage of business in Calcutta for twelve days during the Durga Puja vacation, which had just come to an end before the departure of the last mail, via *Galle*, represents a check in commerce of three crores of rupees.

SAYS THE RANGOON REVIEW:

The Mahomedan community have decided on sending away the three European perverts, no doubt to remove them from the dangerous influences of their former associates. They propose sending them to Singapore by the S. S. *Fitzpatrick*, and from thence to Mecca. Three more Europeans have expressed their willingness to become proselytes, and are to be received into the Musjid.

(*L. & C. Express*, Nov. 7.)

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France is evidently alive to what we are doing in Burma, and the recent action of the Resident, the *Republique Francaise*, in an article published on the 5th inst., remarks that whatever happens it is impossible for the French to remain indifferent to what may modify the position of affairs in Indo-China. We have, it continues, political and economic interests in this region, and it is a patriotic duty to observe with vigilance everything that may directly or indirectly affect our colony of Cochinchina and the Protectorate, which, by virtue of several treaties, we are bound to exercise over Annam and Tonkin.

TO-MORROW'S REGATTA.

To judge by present appearances, there is every prospect of fine weather for the twenty-fourth Victoria Regatta, which begins to-morrow afternoon. Perfect regatta weather, to suit sailers as well as oarsmen, is not always to be had—probably because the yachtsmen sigh for fresh breezes, while the rowers pray for smooth water. It is to be hoped that the wish of each may be gratified in equal measure. The P. & O. *Malacea*, which for many years has been the Flagship of the V. R. C., has been moored in what is now known as "Regatta Bay"; and, as in former years, the H. K. & W. Dock Co's tug *Fame* will leave Peddar's Wharf on each day, at 12.30 and 1.30, with guests to the Flagship. The Regatta is under the patronage of H. E. the Governor.

Some slight alterations have been made on the programme, as will be seen from another column. As it now stands, the principal four-oared events to-morrow will be the races for the Chairman's Cup and German Cup—the International Race and that for the Members' Cup being fixed for Saturday. For the Junior Sculls there have entered Sampson (J.), Coker, and Dunman; and for the Second Race (for gipsy) five crews are put down, two from the R.A., two from the Police, and one from the Garrison Staff. The Chairman's Cup entries we have already given in our Rowing Notes; and as this race will be of interest as indicating how the "fours" take the water, we may add that Mr Woodin and Mr Friend had their crews for this event out on trial last evening, when Mr Woodin's appeared to be the faster boat of the two. *Magenta* is apparently more fortunate in his Chairman's crew than he is with his International team; and knowing ones say that the reason is not far to seek. Travers was practising last night under the shamrock, and his Chairman's crew were therefore not under inspection: the Irishmen had a creditable spin, and sat their boat well. There is a large gathering for the men-of-war race for gipsy and whalers—three whalers from the French Flagship *Armidale*, two (whaler and galley) from the *Victor Emanuel*, a galley from the *Vigilant*, and another from the *Iron Duke*. Messrs Woodin and Dunman alone compete for the Senior Sculls. The race for House-boats pulled by Chinamen will lie between the Police and Commissariat, the only boats entered.

Victoria (Coker, st.), *Sybil* (Friend, st.), *Thetis* (Travers, st.), and *Leila* (Woodin, st.) appear for the German Cup, as we have already stated, and a fine race is expected between these crews. The "canoeists" are—Hazelton, Tomlin, Caldwell (G. A.), Angier, Barff, and Sampson (H.).

In the Sailing Races, six entries appear for men-of-war boats, two from the *Egeria*, two from the *Armidale*, one from the *Victor Emanuel*, and one from the *Iron Duke*.

For the race for sailing ship's boats three only have entered, two from the British barque *Echo*, and one from the British barque *Laurie*.

The Yachts entered for to-morrow's race are—*Naiad*, *Arriet*, *Wise*, and *Naomi*.

We may compliment the Hon. Secretary of the Club upon the care he has taken to

give every publicity to the rule inculcating punctuality, and trust that his efforts will be successful. Any boat not at its post at the appointed time may be disqualified. The notice concerning pulling and ubiquitous steam-launches will also, we hope, tend to secure a clear course; any obstruction to the racing boats is more provocative of profanity than anything we know of on such an occasion.

THE HARBOUR TRAGEDY: VERDICT OF "WILFUL MURDER."

The enquiry into the death of the woman named Kwok Tai Yow whose body was found in the harbour on the 10th instant, was resumed this afternoon before the Coroner, C. V. Creagh, Esq., and the same Jury as met at the former sitting on the 12th inst.—Messrs A. J. Ahlmann, J. J. Alonso, and M. A. de Carvalho.

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